REMARKS

The Examiner's Action of March 20, 2009 has been carefully considered. The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 11-14 is appreciated.

Claim 1-19 are pending in the application. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claim 11, and claim 11 has been cancelled. Claim 1 is therefore submitted to be in condition for allowance. Claims 2-10 and 18 depend from claim 1 and therefore should be allowable as well. New claim 20 corresponds to the subject matter of allowable claim 11, written as a combination of the CCD imager and apparatus for compensating image signals produced by the CCD imager. Claim 20 is submitted to be allowable for the same reasons as claim 11 (now claim 1). Claims 12-17 and 19 depend from claim 20 and should be allowable for the same reasons as claim 20.

The prior art rejections set forth in the Action at paragraphs 2 and 3 are submitted to be mute in view of the claim amendments outlined above.

In view of the above, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance with claims 1-10 and 12-20. An early and favorable reconsideration of the application is requested.

CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection are believed to have been properly overcome, traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's undersigned Representative if necessary to place the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: June 22, 2009

By /Robert Kinberg/
Robert Kinberg
Registration No.: 26,924
VENABLE LLP
P.O. Box 34385
Washington, DC 20043-9998
(202) 344-4000
(202) 344-8300 (Fax)
Attorney/Agent For Applicant

#1038656

7